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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| REPORT ON ESTABLISHING A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR CYBER SECURITY, ICT AND DATA/INFORMATION | |
| **Purpose**  This document provides the status of the implementation of IT/cybersecurity and data governance in ITU.  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited to note the report.  **Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**  Excellence in human resources and organizational innovation.  **Financial implications**  Financial implications are included in document [C24/52](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0052/en) and the funding of which is proposed in document [C24/19](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0019/en).  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *CWG-FHR documents* [*CWG-FHR-16/6(Rev.1)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CWGFHR16-C-0006/en)*,* [*CWG-FHR-17/5*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGFHR17-C-0005/en)*, Council documents* [*C22/57*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0057/en)*,* [*C23/22*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0022/en)*,* [*C23/52*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0052/en)*,* [*C23/INF/11*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-INF-0011/en)*,* [*C24/52*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0052/en)*,* [*C24/19*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0019/en)*.* [*JIU/REP/2021/3*](https://www.unjiu.org/sites/www.unjiu.org/files/jiu_rep_2021_3_english.pdf)*: Cybersecurity in the United Nations system organizations.* | |

**Background**

The ICT Capital Fund, initially established by Council Resolution 1173 in 2001, serves as an internal resource within the secretariat, earmarked for financing the enhancement of existing ICT systems or the development and acquisition of new ones. Governed by Service Order 11/06, the fund has operated under the purview of the Information and Communication Technology Committee (ICTC). The primary responsibility of the ICTC has been to ensure that ICT infrastructure, applications, and support services align harmoniously with ITU’s strategic objectives.

However, recognizing the evolving landscape of IT, cybersecurity, and data governance, the absence of dedicated structures within ITU determined the Independent Management Advisory Committee to underscore the necessity of establishing such frameworks. This recommendation, articulated in the 12th Annual Report presented to Council-23 ([C23/22](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0022/en)), emphasized the imperative for clear decision-making mandates, robust accountability mechanisms, and incentives for effective delivery.

Moreover, the Accountability Framework, as outlined in document [C22/57](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0057/en), underscored an important role of developing a comprehensive organization-wide data classification framework to streamline operations effectively.

Consequently, in response to these imperatives, ITU management resolved to restructure the existing ICTC, renaming it as the ICT Governance Committee (ICTGC). This transformation involves expanding the committee’s mandate to encompass IT, cybersecurity, and data governance. The revised terms of reference for the ICTGC, which are being drafted into a Service Order, include additional responsibilities aimed at facilitating the fulfilment of its extended mandate.

The guidance of the ICTGC, with its new governance-related objectives, will contribute to the secretariat’s development and execution of the ITU Transformation Roadmap ([C24/73](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0073/en)), ensuring that effective oversight and decision making are applied to key organizational requirement within the committee’s scope of work.

In particular, initiatives pertaining to the Digital Transformation will undergo review of the committee.

**Next steps**

The secretariat will continue to monitor the performance of the ICTGC as a contributor to the overall effectiveness of ITU’s ICT infrastructure and services.

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